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ARTHUR EMERSON MOFFATT WEDS MRS. CRESSIE LUGENE

Well Known Artisan of Manchester
Again Ventures Upon the Sea of
Matrimony.

Arthur Emerson Moffatt, a well known and highly respected resident of Manchester, was quietly married on Wednesday, October 4th, in Granville, N. Y., to Mrs. Cressie Howland-Lugene of Manchester Center.

The quiet but pretty wedding took place Wednesday afternoon at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Harry C. Adams, and the ceremony was performed by Rev. W. J. C. Wilson in the presence of the immediate family relatives. The bride was attired in her traveling gown and, after a luncheon was served, Mr. Moffatt and bride left by automobile on their honeymoon trip.

Mrs. Moffatt is the daughter of S. B. Howland of Granville, and widow of the late Frank W. Lugene of Manchester Center. For the last several years she had been connected with the Eugene Shoe Store and has acquired many friends during her residence in town.

Mr. Moffatt has for many years been connected with the Orvis fish rod shop in this village. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Moffatt wish them much happiness.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mr. O. R. Bennett,
Editor, The Journal,
Manchester, Vt.
My dear Mr. Bennett:

The conservation of natural resources has become one of the largest issues of our time. In the campaign of 1912, it formed one of the chief planks in the Democratic platform, and was often endorsed in Mr. Wilson's speeches. His inaugural address committed him fully to support it.

For these reasons it is important to know what the Wilson Administration has done. As one man deeply interested in conservation and familiar with the record, I am writing to lay it briefly before you.

When he took office, Mr. Wilson ceased to say much on conservation, preferring to let the members of his cabinet speak for him. After his inauguration, the friends of conservation, regardless of partisanship, offered him their help in putting the conservation policies through. The opportunity invited action. The fight to save Alaska from the Guggenheims had created a living body of public opinion which lacked only official leadership to save what resources still remained in public lands. It seemed at first that President Wilson would lead.

At the outset the work of the Wilson administration in conservation was good. Congress passed, and Mr. Wilson signed, the Alaska Railroad Bill and the bill which assured Government control of coal land in Alaska. These measures were excellent, and President Wilson deserves praise for their enactment. So he does for his veto of a bill to give away National Forest lands.

Unfortunately these creditable instances form but a little of the record. Politics came into control. Thus a bill seeking to turn the natural resources of Alaska over to a political commission was repeatedly recommended by the administration through the mouth of the Secretary of the Interior. If passed it would throw Alaska into the hands of the special interests and established a policy almost certain to destroy the National control of natural resources everywhere else as well. This measure we were fortunately able to stop.

When Wilson became President, the reclamation service, in its great work of irrigating the arid lands of the West, was wholly free from politics. By the mouth of his Secretary of the Interior Wilson advocated, and later signed, a bill which leaves the choice of lands to be reclaimed to a Committee of Congress, and so makes politics dominate the service.

Director Newell was the man who created the Reclamation Service. He made and kept it one of the most efficient bureaus under the Government. The Secretary of the Interior forced him out, and replaced him by a commission in which politicians control.

The Newlands bill is a conservation measure which proposes to develop all the resources of our inland waterways—waterpower, navigation, irrigation, and domestic supply—for the public benefit. Although Wilson strongly endorsed it during his campaign, as President he let it drop, and instead has signed two waterway bills of the old pork-barrel type, which are everything the Newlands bill is not.

Waterpower is the most valuable resource still in public hands. There is undeveloped waterpower in our navigable streams equal to twice the power of every kind now used in the United States. It is a huge prize. For years the waterpower interests have been fighting to seize it, and the conservationists to save it for the people.

A waterpower measure, the Adamson Bill, came before the House in 1914. It favored monopoly, and gave the special interests, for nothing, the public water power on navigable streams. Nevertheless Wilson endorsed it.

On its way through the House, the bad parts of the Adamson Bill were stricken out, and the public rights were secured. Thereupon Wilson reversed his previous stand, and endorsed the amended bill. This good bill then went to the Senate, where it was shelved, and the indefensible Shields bill was reported in its place. The Shields bill gave away the public waterpowers forever and for nothing. Both Roosevelt and Taft vetoed bills drawn on the same principle. Yet, by another reversal, the Wilson Administration got behind it, and when a widely circulated public appeal was made to the President for his help to defeat it, he refused.

As to the waterpower on the public lands, there is but one reversal instead of two. Wilson first, by the mouth of a member of his cabinet, endorsed the Ferris bill, which was mainly good. It was replaced in the Senate by the Myers bill, which is thoroughly bad. Among other things this bill actually throws the Grand Canyon, the greatest natural wonder of America, wide open to individual appropriation. Nevertheless, Wilson reversed himself in order to give it in the same way his endorsement.

Both as to waterpowers on navigable streams and on public lands, the last reversals leave the Administration standing with the special interests against the people.

The Phelan oil land measure, would hand over to private individuals who have no legal rights the valuable oil lands set aside as reserves for the Navy. The Navy Department has made public announcement that the mere threat of the Phelan bill's passage has caused it "to seriously consider the advisability of abandoning" the policy of constructing oil burning ships. Only oil burning ships can develop and maintain the high speeds required in modern war, and without them no navy can be even second class. The Secretary of the Interior actively supported this surrender of national safety to private greed. The Secretary of the Navy and the Attorney General opposed it. Wilson remained neutral and did nothing.

Because Wilson refused to take sides, or took the wrong side, the question whether the people or the interests shall win or lose in the Shields and Myers waterpower bills and the Phelan oil bill is still unsettled. These bills are still before Congress, and will pass or fail at the coming session. The public waterpowers and the efficiency of the navy are at stake. There can be no compromise between the men who would grab the public resources for private profit, and those who would conserve them for the use of all the people. Either the interests will get them or the people will keep them. There is no middle ground.

To sum up, as in many other matters the promise made was not performed. Instead of progress in conserving our resources, the last two years have seen a bitter and often losing fight to hold what we had. Wilson talked well, began to act well, and then, yielding to the political pressure of the special interests, went back on conservation.

Sincerely yours,
GIFFORD PINCHOT.

REAL ESTATE CHANGES

Through the efforts of George F. Lawrence, real estate agent, Delmer Morrow has sold his West Sandgate farm, commonly known as the Prindle farm, to Cornelius M. Noble of Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Noble was born and raised on an Ohio farm and has had many years of farm experience, though lately he has worked as a gardener for the park department of Cleveland, and it is to be hoped he will soon have his 300-acre farm back where it was when owned by Prindle, when it was known as one of the finest and most productive farms in its section of exceptional productive farm lands. Mr. Noble is on the farm and will immediately begin repairing and painting and in other ways getting the farm in shape for his family to move on in the spring.

W. W. Salter of Holyoke, Mass., has bought the Evi Hurd farm in Sandgate through the same agent.

STATE WIDE INTEREST IN BOYS' AND GIRLS' EXPOSITION

Important Meeting Held to Further
Exposition Plans

A special meeting of the general committee of management of the third Vermont State Boys' and Girls' Agricultural and Industrial Exposition, to be held in the Burlington Armory the week of Oct. 9th, brought together the following members of the committee last Saturday morning at the office of the Director of the Exposition, Archibald C. Hurd of White River Junction: James P. Taylor, secretary Greater Vermont Association, and acting secretary of the Burlington Merchants Association; A. C. Mason, a prominent insurance man and Business Men's Association official of Rutland; Superintendent M. D. Chittenden of the Burlington Public Schools; E. L. Ingalls, state agent for boys and girls club work, Burlington; the new supervisor of junior high schools, Clyde M. Hill, of Montpelier; F. P. Campbell, general superintendent of the Wilder, Vt., plant of the International Paper Co.; treasurer of the Exposition, R. F. Meech, president and manager of the Cross Abbott Co. of White River Junction and vice-president of the Windsor County Y. M. C. A. committee, the organization that initiated the Exposition.

The committee voted to feature certain days at the exposition as follows: Tuesday the opening day will be given over to judging of exhibits with all departments thrown open to the public. Wednesday will be "school day" when every school or institution scholar will be given free admission to the exposition if accompanied by their teacher. Thursday evening will be made much of as "Merchants' Night" when a special program will be arranged. Friday afternoon and evening will be "teachers' convention day," while the evening will be planned as "parent-teachers' association night," when J. Adams Puffer, the noted vocational specialist, will give his popular lecture entitled "The Boy and His Job," which every parent ought to try and hear.

THE WEEK IN PROBATE COURT

In re Francis Haley, Arlington. Order of removal.

In re Martha White, Sunderland. Order of removal.

Estate of Horace N. Fuller, Landgrove. Mary E. Fuller, admx., renders final account. Decree of distribution.

Estate of Lydia H. Allis, Manchester. Will allowed. H. H. Claxton, appointed administrator. J. D. Purdy and F. O. Eddy appointed appraisers and commissioners.

Estate of Herbert T. Eaton, Arlington. Will allowed. Emma C. Eaton appointed executor. E. C. Woodworth and Wm. Pratt appointed appraisers and commissioners.

Estate of M. J. Covey, Manchester. Inventory filed.

Estate of Owen Hanlon, Manchester. W. E. Tully, admr., proposes to render his final account. Hearing October 26th.

Estate of Ellen Hanlon, Manchester. W. E. Tully, executor, proposes to render his final account. Hearing October 26th.

Estate of Geo. L. Marshall, Salem, N. Y. Exemplified copy of will filed for probate. Hearing October 26th.

Estate of Hannah J. Marshall, Salem, N. Y. Exemplified copy of will filed for probate. Hearing Oct. 26th.

Estate of George L. Marshall, Salem, N. Y. Inventory filed. Hearing on final account of J. J. Shashober, admr., continued to Oct. 31st.

Estate of James F. Williams, Arlington. Hearing on account continued to Oct. 31st.

Estate of Marian M. Hard, Manchester. Ernest J. Hard appointed admr. Inventory filed.

In re Henry Culver, Dorset. Alvin Waters files resignation as guardian.

Estate of Henry E. Merrill, Manchester. Commissioners' report filed.

In re Nellie Foster, Sunderland. Petition for court of inquiry. Hearing October 18th.

Estate of Emily C. Danforth, Rupert. Commissioners' report filed.

Allen Corey of Highgate, who was charged with stealing a box of underwear from the store of Victor Cohen in St. Albans, was arrested at a farm on Lake Champlain after a several days' hunt. In court he was found guilty and fined \$5 and costs, amounting to \$21, which he paid.

A horse belonging to Frank S. Gomo, a Burlington painter, was instantly killed at Starr Farm beach Tuesday when it slipped over the edge of a cliff and dropped 50 feet, striking on the rocks. Mr. Gomo had hitched the horse to a tree and it wandered too near the edge of the bank.

THE "BEST YET" STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Begin Now to Plan for it—"BATTLEBORO, 1916"—October 18, 19 and 20

The convention will open on Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 18th, at 3 o'clock, and close with the evening session on Friday.

Our "international man" this year will be John L. Alexander, of Chicago, the secondary division superintendent of the International Sunday School Association. Mr. Alexander was for some time a prominent leader in the boys' department work of the Y. M. C. A., then the national secretary of the boy scout movement, then the boys' work expert of one of the "Men and Religion Forward Movement" teams; and for several years in charge of the teen age work of the great International Sunday School Association. It is safe to say that Mr. Alexander is one of the very best "boy specialists" in America. This will be Vermont's first chance to hear this man who knows boys, and every teacher of a boys' class in every Sunday school in the state ought to begin now to plan to be there. Mr. Alexander is expected to be with us throughout the entire convention.

The leader of our "services of worship" this year will be Rev. Milton S. Littlefield, D. D., of New York, educational secretary of the Congregational Sunday school work for the East. Dr. Littlefield is the author of "Hand Work in the Sunday School;" is constantly in demand for Sunday school conventions, institutes, and schools of methods, in other denominations as well as his own. He has edited several hymn books, and is a recognized authority on music in the Sunday school. It will be a rare treat to hear him at Battleboro. He will also conduct the "pastors and superintendents' section of the institute hour."

The pastor of the largest Congregational church in the state, Rev. Arthur H. Bradford, of Rutland, will speak on "The Pastor's Place in Sunday School Evangelism," a successful superintendent will discuss "The Superintendent's Place in Sunday School Evangelism."

One of the unique features of the convention will be the "dramatic evening" on Thursday, when the possibilities of the utilization of the dramatic instinct in religious teaching will be illustrated by the presentation of a missionary pageant, prepared for this occasion by Miss Florence Hemmaway-Wells, of Brattleboro; and the Biblical drama, "Ruth the Loving," prepared by General Secretary Boyd.

Another unique feature will be the division of the convention on Friday morning into two simultaneous sessions, one on "The City and Town Sunday School and its Problems," and the other on "The Problems of the Rural School." In the former L. W. Hawley, for 30 years superintendent of the Baptist Sunday School of Brattleboro, will present an "opening service," and J. L. Alexander will be present as the "specialist" to lead in the discussion of the problems. In the latter, Dr. Littlefield will demonstrate the possibilities of the opening service in the little school, and Mr. Woodin, of Connecticut will be the "specialist."

Friday afternoon and evening will come the climax of the convention with a great "teen age demonstration," with separate meetings for older girls and older boys; a teen age banquet, and special messages in the evening session to these young people by the two greatest leaders of work with boys and with girls in America, Miss Margaret Slattery of Boston, for the girls, and John L. Alexander of Chicago, for the boys. Miss Slattery will also address the main convention on Friday afternoon, on "The Conquest of Facts."

POTATO PRODUCTION DEMONSTRATION CAR

During the week of October 23rd, a potato production demonstration car will travel over that portion of the Rutland railroad in the State of Vermont, under the auspices of the Extension Service of the College of Agriculture of the University of Vermont and with the co-operation of the Rutland railroad, the State Commissioner of Agriculture and the various farm bureaus along the line of railroad.

There will be a passenger coach equipped with a lantern for lectures and demonstrational purposes, and a baggage car which will contain a potato planter, potato sprayer, a potato digger, a potato sorter, spraying materials, specimens showing various potato diseases, sacks and barrels used in illustrating the various methods of marketing and such other demonstrational equipment as may be needed. The principal topics treated will be seed selection, tillage, harvesting, spraying and marketing of potatoes.

The instructional staff will consist of Dean J. L. Hills of the College of Agriculture; Thomas Bradlee, Director of the Vermont Agricultural Extension service; Hon. E. S. Brigham, State Commissioner of Agriculture; Mogens Tolstrup, State Marketing Agent; Prof. B. F. Lutman of the Plant Pathology Department; C. H. Jonest, chemist of the Vermont Experiment Station; Prof. R. T. Burdick of the Department of Agronomy; and W. H. Crockett, Editor of University Publications. County Agents J. W. Dana of Chittenden county, J. E. Carrigan of Addison county, M. F. Downing of Rutland county, J. C. Otis of Windsor county, A. W. Sweeton of Windham county, and F. C. Shaw of Bennington county, will accompany the cars through their respective counties. J. A. Proctor, traveling freight agent for the Rutland railroad, will also accompany the party.

These meetings will deal exclusively with the potato crop in its various phases, and its relation and importance in diversified agriculture of Vermont.

PUBLIC ASKED TO ACT AT ONCE TO SAVE WHITE PINES

State nursery inspectors, state foresters and other official representatives from New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Massachusetts, met at Fall River, Mass., on September 25th, at the invitation of the Massachusetts State Board of Agriculture, to examine a serious outbreak of the white pine blister rust on native white pine. This examination proved plainly to all that the blister rust is a deadly enemy of the white pine.

Reports given by the representatives of the states showed that the white pine blister rust is already widely prevalent throughout the New England States and eastern New York, and as this dangerous disease uses the currant and gooseberry as a host plant to grow upon, and spreads very rapidly from currant to currant and from currant to pine, it was the unanimous opinion of all present that as the only way to avert the impending catastrophe, and save the white pine, would be through a complete destruction of all currant and gooseberry bushes and flowering currants, the public should be given this information at once.

This disease was brought into the United States from Europe on white pine seedlings. In the spring the spores or seeds are blown by the wind from diseased pines to the currant and gooseberry leaves. The seeds germinate, penetrate the leaf tissues, and produce a rust on the underside of the leaves in late summer and fall. The leaves produce millions of tiny spores or seeds capable of infecting the pines, which once thoroughly infected cannot recover.

The currant and gooseberry leaves in large areas throughout the New England States and eastern New York are now infected with the blister rust in the stage when it returns to the white pines, and the immediate removal of currant and gooseberry bushes is necessary to save our white pine trees. It is especially urgent that all black and flowering currant bushes within half a mile of white pine should be destroyed at once, since these varieties are particularly susceptible to the disease.

PREMIUMS AWARDED AT MANCHESTER FAIR

The following premiums were awarded by the Battenkill Valley Industrial Society at the Manchester Fair held Sept. 12, 13 and 14.

Stallion, 3 years old, O. P. Black of Pawlet, \$3.00.

Mare 5 years old or over, G. H. Burgess of Bennington, \$3.00; F. F. Gilbert of Dorset, \$2.00.

Colt, 1 year old, F. F. Gilbert of Dorset, \$3.00.

Colt 2 years old, John Paddock of Dorset, \$3.00.

Colt, 1 year old, John Paddock of Dorset, \$3.00.

Matched pair, 5 years old or over, Thomas Hanley of Manchester Center, \$3.00.

Brood mare with colt, John Paddock of Dorset, \$2.00; Eugene Bushee of Manchester, \$1.00.

Best sucking colt, John Paddock of Dorset, \$2.00; Eugene Bushee of Manchester, \$1.00.

Mrs. W. S. Fenn of Westminster, was seriously injured Monday in an automobile accident. With her husband, she was in a Ford truck, going to Walpole, N. H., when Mr. Fenn lost control of it and it overturned on an embankment. Mrs. Fenn's arm was broken, both bones in her right arm were fractured, her back and side were badly wrenched and she was much bruised.

THE MANCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

After a Period of Quiescence, Society
Founded in 1897 Takes in Several
New Members and Renews its
Activities.

The Manchester Historical Society was founded in 1897 and incorporated in 1898 for the purpose of collecting and conserving information and documents relating to matters of historic interest; locating and marking, and if deemed advisable, acquiring the title to places where historic events have occurred and placing thereon monuments or other memorials; and of receiving and holding in trust money or other property appropriate to the purposes of the Society; and providing a genealogy of the early settlers, and a convenient and reliable source of information concerning the history of the town.

For some years the work was carried on in a desultory way, then came a period of inactivity. Now the Society has taken to itself a new lease of life and hopes to proceed on systematic lines.

Officers Elected at Annual Meeting

At the annual meeting held on October 2nd the following officers were elected: President, Mr. Geo. H. Thacher; first vice-president, Miss Hermione Canfield; second vice-president, Mrs. S. K. Perkins; secretary, Mrs. Mary Utley Robbins; corresponding secretary, Mr. Albert M. Reed; treasurer, Mrs. J. N. Hard; executive committee: Miss Jessie O. Hawley, Mr. Charles H. Hawley, Mr. Edward S. Isham.

On October 7th, Mr. Thacher, the president, called a meeting of the officers at his residence to discuss the work to be done by the Society. I quote from his address: "The first important step in the historical work before us lies in systematic and exhaustive research. * * * Periods for research should be allotted to various committees and tentatively I would suggest these periods to be in number four, and divided as follows, viz: First, from the earliest settlement to the close of the 18th century; second, the first fifty years of the 19th century; third, the second fifty years of the 19th century; and the fourth the past sixteen years. Immediate action should be taken to secure and record events of historic interest happening during the past 16 years, since that covers the beginning of the present century, and will be of greatest interest to posterity. In time to come by the certain increase in population and wealth of our great country this valley from Arlington even on to Rutland will be lined with the villas of the rich, and it is not beyond the bounds of possibility that the two villages of Manchester may become one of the greatest residential municipalities in Vermont.

"A permanent home for the archives and collection of the society should be established, and if this be not possible at the present time its needs should be kept before everyone, lest per adventure some good samaritan should be moved in the furtherance of a worthy cause, to present such an abiding place for what is already remarkable in wealth of interest."

It is hoped that all residents of Manchester and all persons of Manchester birth or ancestry will co-operate with the Society. Anyone having documents, information, or traditions concerning the early settlers, or any other items of interest about Manchester will confer a very great favor to the Society by communicating with the secretary, who will see that their contributions are placed with the proper committees. Names of the older people who are now, or have been residents are especially desired so that their reminiscences may be obtained, as these will be of great interest and value.

New Members

The following new members have been added to the Society: Mr. and Mrs. George H. Thacher, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wilbur, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Makin, Mr. and Mrs. Albert M. Reed, Mrs. George A. White, Mr. Harris C. Whipple, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rice, Miss Frances J. Fowler, Mr. Edward Griffith, Miss Mary Gleason, Mr. and Mrs. George Orvis, Mr. and Mrs. Horace G. Young, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Crocker, Miss Frances Hoyt, Miss Grace Hoyt, Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Perkins, Mr. Wm. H. Roberts, Mr. Robert T. Lincoln, Mr. and Mrs. Francis B. Fay, Mr. A. J. McClure, Mr. J. J. Gunther, Dr. E. L. Wyman, Mr. Chas. A. Shattuck.

Membership in the Society may be obtained by application to the officers of the Society through the secretary.

MARY UTLEY ROBBINS,
Secretary.